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1. Report dated 22 July 1950. In the Rome Dalmatian circles the information concerning the creation of a pro-Dalmatian movement is unknown. This movement allegedly was recently promoted in Trieste for the purpose of having the UNU for an eventual autonomy of Dalmatia from Croatia based on historic data. The Rome Dalmatian Committee, located on Piazza Firenze 27, directed by Tommaso Scudato (at present at Club di Venice) knows nothing about this movement.
2. In circles of the Committee it has been added that the constitution in 1950 of a new Dalmatian movement does not seem reliable because at Via Vin del Bastione 4, Trieste, a Dalmatian Committee has already existed for several years, directed by Lincoln OVIC who, it is said, has taken any initiative of this kind, would have informed his Association in Rome.
3. Unstable political empires in all countries, including those in South America (majority of them live in Argentina) are divided into two groups: One still favorable to (Dr.) Antony VAVIC and the other against (Dr.) VAVIC. This last group points out that (Dr.) VAVIC is too centralized and that, with his ideologies, he cannot obtain future substantial support from the Anglo-American. This second group, which is against (Dr.) VAVIC, in order to better its chances in politics, proclaims itself the Party of United Croatia and tends to unite in a single line the former Ustaša and members of the Croatian Peasants Party (H.S.) of (Dr.) VAVIC. This development is particularly strong in Europe and involves its leader, (Dr.) Frank VAVIC, resident of London, and the priest (Dr.) Tranquillo VAVIC, who lives in Rome at the College of S. Oliviero degli Allievi. For this reason, Dr. VAVIC recently had a talk with Dr. VAVIC in Austria (perhaps in Klagenfurt).
4. While in Europe, members of this group are in contact with Dr. VAVIC. In Europe Dr. VAVIC has made an approach to the representatives of Dr. VAVIC in Italy, i.e., Uroslav VAVIC, Monozor VAVIC, and Uroslav VAVIC have turned down all requests for collaboration, although as the followers of (Dr.) VAVIC and (Dr.) VAVIC are considered Ustaša or collaborationists and may have been declared war criminals.

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5. According to MCHX, the above named leaders have not abandoned their Nazi-Fascist concepts and with their intended union with the Croat Peasant Party, they aim at suffocating all traces of their past and to start a new moral and political life.
6. Following the failure to be admitted to a collaboration with MCHX, the Ustascha headed by DRAGANOVIC has established in Italy a movement called "Movimento Indipendente Croato" (Croatian Independent Movement) which intends to assemble all Croats abroad. This project also aims to cover up the purely Ustascha program. This movement two weeks ago promoted a restricted meeting of Ustaschas in Villa Marzime during which a Croat group was elected which is to create the Italian section of the movement for the European Union. However, this group was not accepted for participation in the recent congress of the European Union movement because the direction had already received the collaboration of representatives of Dr. MCHX, i.e. Miroslav DIOEK and Pavun VUKIĆ.
7. One of DRAGANOVIC's collaborators is Ante VUKOBROVAC, living in Rome at the S. Agostino College, Via del Corso 45, former deputy of MCHX, who, during the PAVLIC government, joined the Ustascha movement. VUKOBROVAC is to leave for the Middle East for the purpose of organizing Ustascha refugees resident there, inducing them to join the movement headed by DRAGANOVIC. It is true that the expenses are to be sustained by Josip DRAGANOVIC, former Ustascha functionary, resident in Rome, Via Madonna Dionigi 17.
8. According to a reliable informant in Italy, OLMUZIĆ has always engaged in black market and in illegal traffic and also handles clandestine emigration to Argentina. From this latter activity he has reaped a fortune. Apparently through false witness he obtained documents which indicate he is the son of an Italian, one BILIC, former resident in Italy. On the basis of this document, OLMUZIĆ succeeded in changing his name to OLMUZIĆ OLMUZIĆ and in obtaining Italian citizenship. In the Yugoslav circles in Rome it is stated that he is a son of a priest who is in a convent in Herzegovina who was guardian father of the Domagoj VUKIĆ, at present being a General of the "Curia Centrale dei Fratelli Minor Preconati" located at Via Aurelia, Rome. Dr. VUKIĆ has always protected and supported OLMUZIĆ whose position in fact has become strong in regard to the Italian authorities and in the Croatian refugee circles.
9. Report of 18 August 1950. It is true that Miroslav VUKOBROVAC now collaborated with JEDINAC, who, however, has not been lost by other collaborators.
10. The episode of the Massina Church of 15 July 1950 was already known. The commemoration of the deceased General Draza VUKOBROVAC took place on the 21st of July.
11. In Via Margutta 15, Rome, the Commercial Office of the Yugoslav Legation has had its office for about two years.
12. There are no indications that the Yugoslav authorities buy up Cominformist publications. Yugoslav newspapers continue to be normally sold.

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13. The activities which the Yugoslav authorities carry out in regard to political refugees to convince them to repatriate enter the normal function of foreign representations. It is noted, however, that the Yugoslav propaganda is less inciting and provocative. Contacts between Colonel Stihlitz and the Slovene Vickar were interrupted about a year ago for personal differences. (Vickar wanted to be presented to King Paul on occasion of the latter's brief stay in Rome). Successively Stihlitz several times has raised doubts on UGAR, whom he accuses of collaborating with the British.
14. It is true that Vukobratovic was economy chief of the King Paul's court. Stihlitz continues to regularly receive subsidies from King Paul.
15. "STEFANO" report is returned herewith. "STEFANO", as always, reports information and circumstances which are inexact and inconsistent.
16. Report dated 18 September 1940 concerning Stihlitz. The arrest of Colonel General Stihlitz, head of the Yugoslav Medical Corps, is not confirmed.
17. It is re-affirmed that there exists a concentration camp for Cominformists at Dugi Otok.
18. As to the visit of Tito and other Yugoslav leaders to this island, it was possible to establish that the information conforms to the truth. Visits of Yugoslav personalities to Cominformist concentration camps have the purpose of converting the internees.
19. In regard to Yugoslav repressive action against Cominformists, according to reliable information, the Yugoslav police have made numerous arrests. Among the persons captured was the Vice-President of the Montenegro Republic, Petrovic, the ex-Serb Minister of Public Health, Jukovic, the ex-Minister of Light Industry, Uroshovic, General Stihlitz and Stihlitz, about 20 deputies of the various legislatures, about 10 colonels and about 100 other officers.
20. In regard to the arrested, the activities of the Belgrade Government are not severe. They are sent to concentration or labor camps and are object of intensive propaganda for the purpose of converting them to Titoism, propaganda which seems to be really efficient, and in many cases had determined conversion in mass.